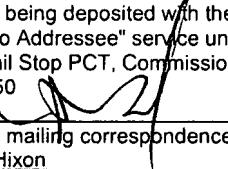


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DE 199 28 405 A1 (corresponds to US 6,796,151 B1 - also cited in the subject application);

EP 0 850 682 (corresponds to US 5,921,478 B1);

WO 97/13915 A1 (corresponds to US 5,972,151 B1 - also cited in the subject application); and

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U.S. patent 6,261,326 B1 was cited in the International Search Report of the corresponding International Application. A copy of the International Search Report, along with its English translation, which serves as a statement of relevance for any non-English references, is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

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